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Comments: We are writing to comment on the proposed Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project. A project of this magnitude demands, at a minimum, a full & rigorous Environmental Impact Study to determine its comprehensive effects on: 1) the health of the forest as a whole, including soil health and the critical mycorrhizal fungi network, which promote communication and nutrient sharing among trees. 2) ALL the wildlife in the forest (not just listed species!). Birds' nests occupied in the Spring by eggs and/or nestlings when many prescribed burns occur also count.

3) The health of the riparian corridors and the Santa Fe Watershed as a whole.

4) The health and quality of life of the human population in the area.

5) Regional Weather patterns and climate change.

John Muir once said, " when one tugs at a single thing in Nature, one finds it attached to the rest of the world". So~ we urge you to carry out a full EIS for this project, and to continue the moratorium on forest "thinning" and prescribed burns until at least the end of the Pandemic.

Thank you!

Don and Alberta Montgomery

P.S. Though we are not current residents of Santa Fe, We are familiar with and love the Santa Fe National Forest. And as long time payers of Federal Income Tax, we consider ourselves partial owners!